



## NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB

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# March 2024 Newsletter

## Presidents Report

*Greetings All*

*The more I play and meet more Members, I am constantly impressed with the generosity of everyone.*

*Many of you would be aware of the ladies of VIEW who raise money to educate children through the Smith Family. Many support the efforts of Pat Shine for The Zepher Foundation. Recently Lesley Peek told me of Emmanuel City Mission who cares for the homeless and vulnerable. She asked if we could help. I presented the request to the Management Committee who agreed to set up a collection box to receive donations. (Further details elsewhere in the Newsletter).*

*On a nastier note, some turkey decided to turn off all the unprotected switches on the external western wall. When the power was turned back on, the action had affected the alarm system so that the alarm was going off at 2 minutes past 10.00am each day until it was serviced. I purchased locks from Bunning and David Lehmann installed them. David had a mate who installed a protective cage which now protects the installation from further malicious damage.*

*I wasn't made aware of the January water bill until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The account had jumped to \$1,990.77. The alarm bells went off about a possible water leak. I contacted a Builder mate of mine who put me on to a Plumber. Denise Taylor took some time to locate the proper water meter. The Plumber started at 8.00am and we finally found the leak at 4.00pm that afternoon under the concrete path next to the Jill Wilson building. A hole had been caused by a bit of aggregate rubbing against the copper pipe. It took 32 years.*

*We turned the water off. (Sorry to the Director and Players of the Monday night session). The leak was fixed and the water back on ready for the Tuesday morning session. The irony of the situation was, as we started to search for the leak, the water meter reader came and read the meter. We got the bill on Thursday. \$6,000.00 plus. Due to the careful handling of our money by previous Treasurers we have reserves to cover the expense.*

*As this is the last newsletter before the AGM, I take the opportunity to thank you, the Members, of allowing me to be your President. I have enjoyed the year. I hope I have done you proud.*

*Happy Bridging*

*Graham Killoran*

*President, Northern Suburbs Bridge Club*

# NOTICE BOARD



## **Auto Top-Ups - MY ABF**

A couple of Members are still having difficulties with auto top ups. Go to our NSBC website, Documents, Membership, My ABF - Frequently Asked Questions. Scroll down to = Points 7.8 & 7.9. Very clear & simple directions to follow on the MY ABF website. Our website = <https://northernsuburbs.bridgeaustralia.org/index.asp>  
My ABF website = <https://www.myabf.com.au/payments/>

## **WALK IN VOLUNTEERS**

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings have Volunteer Members who are rostered on, usually once a month, to play with anyone who "Walks In" and wants a game at those sessions. A BIG THANK YOU to Eugene Kaiser and Val Morzone who have recently retired from being "Walk In Volunteers" and a BIG WELCOME to Lee Horner and Kim Lundie for offering to become "Walk In Volunteers".

If anyone is interested in becoming a "Walk In Volunteer" please contact the directors of the sessions Bert Luchjenbroers or Max Latimer. They would be delighted to chat to you about it.

## **Volunteer Position Available – Manage Donation Library**

The club needs a volunteer to Organise, track and keep our Library books tidy. Please let Graham, Kate or Denise know if you would be able to help.

## **PUNCTUALITY TO SESSIONS**

Please be on time for our sessions and be seated where you plan to play **15 minutes before play** is scheduled.

It can be very difficult for directors, at the bigger sessions, to sort the movement out with people out of their seat.

This is a **courtesy** to our directors and is the least we can do to make their job as easy as possible.

**Where would we be without our wonderful, amazing, long suffering directors?**

## **AGM REMINDER – Position Vacancy**

*The club AGM is Sat 13 April 11.30am at the club*

Our Secretary of 4 years, Kate O'Donnell, does not wish to continue in the Secretary role. What a wonderful job she has done! Much thanks Kate!

Please consider if you would like to nominate for this position.

## **Missing Library Books**

Could Members please take a look at home for Library books - we are missing quite a few,

## **Some Quotes on Bridge from Alfred Sheinwold.** (The grand old man of Bridge)

"Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself"

"A player who can't defend accurately should try to be declarer"

"Years ago there were only two acceptable excuses for net leading the suit your partner had opened; having no cards in the suit, and sudden death"

## Masterpoints Promotions January & February 2024

| <b>NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB INC</b> |                 |                      |                     |                      |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>NAME</b>                             | <b>RANK</b>     | <b>TOTAL<br/>MPs</b> | <b>2024<br/>MPs</b> | <b>2024<br/>RANK</b> |
| <b>FEBRUARY 2024 PROMOTIONS</b>         |                 |                      |                     |                      |
| Crommelin, Elaine                       | National        | 170.55               | 5.97                | 1802                 |
| Rivers, John                            | National        | 166.12               | 25.35               | 282                  |
| Flowers, Catherine                      | Bronze State    | 126.62               | 3.53                | 3,040                |
| Hugentobler, Annemarie                  | Bronze State    | 100.55               | 2.1                 | 4,911                |
| Schulz, Jan                             | Bronze Regional | 100.16               | 1.63                | 6,111                |
| Cohn, Michael                           | Regional        | 50.13                | 0.38                | 13,812               |
| Robertson, Teresa                       | Bronze Local    | 25.7                 | 3.99                | 2,708                |
| Carter, Chrissie                        | Bronze Local    | 25.54                | 1.52                | 6,461                |
| Wright, Trish                           | Club            | 5.39                 | 3.01                | 3,542                |
| Leggett, Jan                            | Graduate        | 2.15                 | 0.39                | 13,696               |
| <b>JANUARY 2024 PROMOTIONS</b>          |                 |                      |                     |                      |
| Barridge, Kerry                         | Bronze Regional | 101.4                | 3.56                | 3012                 |
| Roebuck, Tony                           | Bronze Regional | 100.66               | 1.89                | 5387                 |
| Cook, Janet                             | Regional        | 50.42                | 0.45                | 12977                |
| Gowans, Jan                             | Local           | 15.96                | 2.9                 | 3661                 |
| Jeffery, Barbara                        | Local           | 15.67                | 1.07                | 8284                 |
| Egan, Marcus                            | Club            | 6.8                  | 2.31                | 4,506                |
| Mills, Damian                           | Club            | 5.45                 | 0.6                 | 11,471               |
| Dickson, Jenny                          | Graduate        | 3.59                 | 2.12                | 4,873                |

### EMMANUEL CITY MISSION- NEEDS Donations

*As per the attached letter, if members wish to donate – there is a basket under the noticeboard near the toilets – Thanks Everyone!*

Hi Graham

I volunteer at Emmanuel City Mission Merivale St, South Brisbane. The mission cares for the homeless and the vulnerable 7 days a week. On an average we provide 1000 meals, 150 toilet and shower packs, shower facilities, washing machines and dryers. We do not receive any funding from the Government so we are totally reliant on donations.

At the moment we are very low on **personal items such as socks, underclothes etc. We have many who donate secondhand clothes but the personal items need to be new.**

I am asking on behalf of the Mission if Northern Suburbs Bridge Club could donate so we can purchase these items.

The centre not only meets the material needs but also the fullness of the individual, mind body and soul with each individual being treated with dignity and respect.

Any donation would be gratefully appreciated.

Thanks

Lesley Peek

## LIBRARY NEWS

It has been a while since you last heard from the bookworm and if we keep losing books from the library at the rate seen in the last year, very soon we will not have a library at all!



My most recent audit of the library revealed that 39 books have vanished from the shelves. That's over \$1500 worth of books that have been "borrowed" without any record. Considering that we only lend approximately 60 books per year, it beggars belief that there should be a sudden surge in unrecorded borrowings. I am unwilling to speculate as to the whereabouts of those books but I would ask all members to please check at home if you may have overlooked a long forgotten borrowing.

The audit also revealed that we had gained some generously donated books, but without any consultation with the librarian hence those books were not catalogued or prepared for borrowing. Whilst the generosity is appreciated, all donations should be referred to the librarian.

Fortunately, following an email from our secretary, 5 of the missing books were returned. The fact that those books were taken out without being recorded in the borrowing register is of real concern. You just cannot help yourself to a book from the library – all borrowing must be recorded in the register. Members need to be aware that there is a simple protocol to be observed when borrowing from the library – it is written in bold type on the library door and on the borrowing register.

- Record all Borrowings in the register in legible writing
- Borrowing period is one month – FIRM
- Record return date on the post-it slip in the front of the book
- All returns to be placed in the return slot together with a note with borrower's name
- Do not return books to the shelf

Now that I have your attention, how about trying this little brain teaser. Submit your solution in the entry box. Solution and winner will be posted on the notice board within the month!

### North

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| Spades   | J 3       |
| Hearts   | 6 5 3     |
| Diamonds | J 6 4     |
| Clubs    | A K Q 4 3 |

### South

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| Spades   | -           |
| Hearts   | A K Q J 7 2 |
| Diamonds | A 9 3       |
| Clubs    | 10 8 6 5    |

South is declarer in 6 hearts. West leads the 7 Clubs. The contract looks simple enough – 6 Hearts, Five Clubs and one Diamond.

The Bookworm





## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Jill Wilson Building

Saturday 13 April 2024

at 11.30 a.m.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

- All Committee Positions Vacant
- Nomination Forms at Front Desk (to be returned to Secretary by 30.03.2024)
- Proxy Forms Available at Front Desk (to be handed to Secretary by start of meeting)
- 2023 Minutes and Finance Statement on display at NSBC

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## QBA Club Directors Workshop

9 am to 12 noon - - - SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April

QCBC 67 Ipswich Road Woolloongabba

Please Park in the Back Lot Close to the Road

Prior registration appreciated though not essential. Fee: \$10 for the two sessions.

This workshop is particularly suitable for those Directors who have greater responsibility of directing in their club (including multi-session events), for those who are seeking accreditation as a QBA Club Director, or as a refresher for those already accredited.

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